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SUMMARY. A FISH MEAL PLANT IN DENMARK WHICH PARTIALLY  
DEPENDS ON SWEDISH VESSELS FOR ITS RAW MATERIAL WILL EX-  
PERIENCE A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF THE EC'S RE-  
DUCTION OF SWEDEN'S FISH QUOTA IN THE NORTH SEA. DENMARK  
IS MOVING TO REDUCE THE USE OF FOOD FISH FOR REDUCTION  
PURPOSES. A DANISH FISHERIES OFFICIAL EXPECTS 1977 MEM-  
BER STATES' FISH QUOTAS IN THE EC TO REMAIN THE SAME AS  
1976. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PRECIPITOUS MOVE BY THE EC TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE  
FISH QUOTAS TO NON-MEMBER STATES (REFTTEL) IN THE FIRST  
QUARTER OF 1977 IS HAVING IMMEDIATE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE  
DANISH FISH MEAL INDUSTRY. A DANISH FISH MEAL PLANT IN  
HIRTSHALS (NORTHWEST JUTLAND) HAS BEEN HEAVILY DEPENDENT  
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(UP TO 60 PERCENT) ON SWEDISH SEINERS FOR ITS RAW MATERIAL.  
THE EC MOVE TO REDUCE SWEDISH QUOTAS WILL IMMEDIATELY RE-  
DUCE PRODUCTION IN THIS PLANT AND CAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT IN  
THE HIRTSHALS COMMUNITY.

2. THE DANISH FISH MEAL INDUSTRY IS AWARE OF THE EC OP-  
POSITION TO ITS PRACTICE OF USING SPECIES OF FOOD FISH

(COD, HEARRING) FOR REDUCTION PURPOSES. INDUSTRY LEADERS ARE NOW PLANNING TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF NON-FOOD-FISH (SAND EEL, POUT, BLUE WHITING) IN THEIR CATCHES. IF THIS MOVE IS SUCCESSFUL, AND THESE STOCKS SURVIVE, THE INDUSTRY SHOULD WEATHER THIS CRISIS. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE EC ALSO REDUCE MEMBER-STATES' QUOTAS OF INDUSTRIAL FISH SPECIES, AS A CONSERVATION MEASURE, THEN THE DANISH FISH MEAL INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF ITS OPERATIONS.

3. PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF THE FISHERIES MINISTRY, HERTOFT ANTICIPATES THAT EHE UPCOMING COUNCIL'S MEETING, JANUARY 18-19, 1977, WILL PERMIT MEMBER STATES TO CONTINUE FISHING IN 1977 AT THE SAME LEVEL AS 1976. BUT MR. HERTOFT IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT FOR QUOTAS IN 1978. HOPEFULLY, BY 1978, LONG-RANGE PLANS WILL HAVE BEGUN FOR RESTRUCTURING ALL EC FLEETS INTO UNITS WHICH CAN OPERATE PROFITABLY WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE STOCKS. SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF VESSELS FROM PARTICULAR FISHERIES AND WOULD PROVIDE OWNERS WITH MONETARY SETTLEMENTS FOR THOSE VESSELS WHICH ARE RETIRED.  
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